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Litchfield Independent

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Commander's Corner

We had lost communication within the M88 retriever (M60 tank without turret) and I, as driver was liberated from having to take orders from the Commander on the way back to the "Wet Site" at Fort Jackson. Ordinarily our crew would ingest a metric ton of dust, being the caboose of a tank unit. Chiding without cessation to slow down or back off forevermore chafed me. So it was that, for once I could navigate this sixty-five ton beast without an ounce of caution as I had no tank unit and no com to impede the way. At dusk along the narrow clay roads, graded high with deep ditches on the port and starboard, as well as being lined with pines of considerable girth we made haste, mostly a downhill grade throughout. All the while unawares that we were being tailed or some semblance thereof by the maintenance platoon's Commander in a modified off-road Ford Explorer. Cutting to the chase, the first words out of the Commander's mouth, as we parked were, "Who the hell was driving that thing?" His follow up left me somewhat less puckered, "If we go to war you're driving."

In many respects if we go to war I should like to have at my side the compatriots of Litchfield 132. Why? Bobby puts it well, "It's nice to see so many involved." Leda says, "The meetings are always informative." Tinky says, "As Commander, command!" A weighty statement from Heavy, "I'm in awe of the way Litchfield's meetings are conducted." Carl Potter says, "In all my visits to camps, I've never seen anything quite like this." Steven Douglas says of Jamie, "There's your next Division Guardian Director." Commander Simpson says, "At that table, there are your future leaders." Perry says to a former compatriot, "I've pleaded with him about the future of the Cause." Albert Jackson says, "You'll be hearing great things of him in the future." Mary Ellen in typical encouraging fashion says, "That was very well done."

Wilbur sees that something needs doing and asks if it's ok to handle it, thinking ahead of the Commander. Keith takes on maintenance responsibilities at just his second meeting. Tony brainstorms with the velocity and vivaciousness of the Tasmanian Devil and recruits with the prowess of Foghorn Leghorn ("I say, I say boy, sign here") Tinki, with Christ-like compassion finds another in need and makes ready to put love into action. There's hardly more action evidenced than in the eyes of Commander Thrasher when speaking of "The Blood". Jamie and Big Ed have, with strong heart, weak knees, ailing back, yet iron resolve, done the work of legions and the most noblest. Johnny speaks softly, but one is compelled to lean in and hear its import. Paul's available and is a constant; not a yes man, but yes I will, anything for the good of the camp, man. Bobby is a man of thought, one whose counsel and encouragement is invaluable. He is the face of the Camp, always present. Our compatriots are **Patriots**, none more so than Mr. Johnny Creel, Mr.

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SEPTEMBER MEETING

The September meeting was held on Sept 21. Dinner was fried Chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, rolls & banana pudding, from the Bilo store in Socastee. We had 29 members, 6 guests and 2 cadets in attendance for a total of 37 present.

Commander Carter opened the meeting with the Charge. Chaplain Buster Benton gave the invocation. Color Sgt Jim O'Kelley led all in the pledges & salutes to the flags. Greeter Tony Anderson welcomed all that were present and had the guests to introduce their selves. Adjutant Ken Thrasher presented the financials to the Camp. Compatriots & Cadet Keith Edwards, Nick Carter, Blake Anderson Dylan Fullwood were inducted into the Camp. Compatriot Windell McCrackin was presented his SCV War Service Medal for serving during WWII. Leo Cooper petitioned the Camp for membership and was accepted by vote.

Compatriot Johnny Sessions presented a very interesting program on the Signers of the Secession and the Secession of SC from the Union . It was very informative and told of the character of the men, who put all they had on the line for South Carolina.

The meeting was adjourned until the October encampment with a rousing chorus of DIXIE.

UPCOMING MUSTER CALLS

**All meetings at Watson's Funeral Home, 2300 Hwy 378,
Conway, SC, unless otherwise noted**

September 18 Aynor Hoe Down set up tent at 6:30 am Recruiting

September 21 Dinner 6 pm Meeting 7 pm Speaker Johnny Sessions Causes of the Secession

October 16 Loris Bog off set up 2 tents 6:30 am Recruiting & Funnel Cakes

October 19 Dinner 6 pm Meeting 7pm Guest speaker Jack Marlar— topic Slavery was not the cause of the war

Nov 6 David Keller Cemetery Challenge Herrington Family Cemetery Old Stage Rd, Mullins SC north of Hwy 917 time to be announced

November 16 Dinner 6 pm Meeting 7 pm

December 21 Christmas Dinner Family members welcome

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Windell McCrackin, Mr. Francis Hardee, Mr. Jim O'Kelley and Mr. Fred Oakes. Forgive me lest I forget Olin, Dennis and Eric, men who serve passionately from afar. New members, Bob and Joe are inseparable and so too is their association with camp work (Labor-Hood). Compatriot Gray is a man of black and white ideas, while common sense and business sense is uncommon in many circles, not so with Bob. Matthew is a diamond in the rough, a man that from the bone-out may be the most Southern of us all and is unafraid to proclaim it. Eddie, like Johnny in many respects is a quiet leader, steady, consistent, undeniably capable of leading us on when his time comes. Glenn spreads no poison. His demeanor, knowledge and ability are most fitting of a Son. Ricky, a patriarch is much of the reason this camp is alive and well and it's comforting to be able to fall back on him. Dotson may be the most polished in the ranks, his creases are incorruptible, his drawl and manner unmistakably Ashleyesque. I should shudder to think of where we'd be without Buster's connection with God. I should love to tell of the trails blazed and the impact made already by new members, Larry, Danny and Blake, Ned, Vernon and Master Monroe, James and Jarame but time and space precludes comment on the remainder of our eighty-man camp.

Nevertheless, battle **is** being waged against the memory and principles of our Confederate forefathers. With Sherman-like fury a swath of carnage is being cut through everything that's dear to us. I'm proud to say that our little camp is making a huge difference in stemming this destructive tide of lies, ignorance and misinformation. I'm confident, proud and feel secure to be out of the foxhole and charging the field with you men of Litchfield 132.

Humbly leading,
Terry

War Between the States First

First time a railroad was used to transport troops: Joseph E Johnson to First Battle of Bull Run July 18, 1861

First Confederate money printed in N.Y.C. before Ft Sumter in early April 1861

First shot at Ft Sumter on April 12 at 4:30am, was said to be fired by Edmund Ruffin. He committed suicide 4 years later when he learned of Lee's surrender

Join the Guardian Program!

Help keep the graves of the Confederate soldiers alive for the future. Become a Guardian of a Confederate Soldier's final resting place.

Litchfield Camp #132**Members of the Guardian Program**

Edward Altman (W)

Terry Carter (W) +

Jamie Graham (W) +

Eddie Pippin +

Rusty Richardson

Robert Scarborough

Johnny Sessions

Ed Thompson (W)

Ken Thrasher (W) +

Ricky Todd

Guardians Pro Tem**Henry Altman (W)****Paul Gause +****Steven Graham +****Anthony Martin****Olin Martin****Paul Gause +****Wilton Prince****Fred Oakes +****Bob Hood****Joe Hood****Bob Gray +****Larry Lightsey +****Jim O'Kelley +****James Parker****Jarame Parker**

Lt Commander's report

Compatriots,

How thankful I am that the weather has finally cooled down. I am also thankful that I don't have to worry about our enthusiasm as a camp cooling down. We are blessed to have members that are willing to give without expecting anything back, members that will share with and support the camp.

Let everyone do what he can to make our camp one of the best and our works in the community worthy of notice.

For the Cause

Lt. Commander Eddie Pippin

LORIS BOGOFF

We will have a recruiting tent and a funnel cake tent at the Loris bogoff of Saturday Oct 16. The recruiting tent will be on the north side of Main St near Shorty's café. The Location for the funnel cake tent is not known for sure , but it will be there on Saturday. We need members to help man each tent throughout the day. The tents will be set up starting at 6 am, and we can remove them around 5 pm that afternoon. So, come on out and spend the day or part of it with us at the Bogoff. There is good camaraderie and we get to let the citizens of the county get to know who we are and what we do.

Chaplain's comments

Here, at the end of my kitchen table, I was thinking of what I might say or comment on in the October newsletter. Then it hit me, this week, or at least, the past few days. We have had several inches of rain, several I said, allow me to say 10, 11, 12 or so inches. I was listening to the news and the newscasters were interviewing people and they were speaking out about the "flood". Yes, I would agree, we got a lot of water, it was dry, we wanted rain, we got rain. Thank the good Lord for this much need & desired liquid sunshine.

The "flood" as people referred to the much gotten rain brings to mind in the Bible, Genesis Chapters 6, 7, and 8. God saw the wickedness of man, his heart evil continually. It repenteth God, grieved His heart that He had made man. He found favor in one man (Noah. He commission Noah to build an ark for the saving of his family and also animals in which would be summoned to the ark. It had never rained before. Noah and his three sons set out to build this ark according to the instructions of God. It took one hundred twenty years. It was completed! The food, the animals, in their perspective places would be safe. Noah, his wife, three sons and their wives were summoned to "Come into the ark". It began to rain! Forty days and nights it rained. This is what we think of when I think of a flood.

The ark came to rest on Mount Ararat. When the waters were abated, Noah and his family and all of the animals came off the ark. Everything and everyone on the earth was destroyed as God had said. Noah made a sacrifice to God and God made a covenant with Noah that He would never destroy earth/man again with water but with fire.

Over in Matthew 24, Jesus tells His disciples "as in the days of Noah, so shall it be in the coming of the Lord". Think with me, we are as a popular singing group sings, "We're getting used to the dark". God is still our refuge, an ark, we will find peace and safety in God's unchanging hand.

Have a blessed October 2010!!

Buster Benton

Chaplain

Adopt a highway project

On Saturday Sept 11, 2010, 15 members of Litchfield 132 spent about one hour cleaning the EL Bethel Rd, between Hwys. 501 & 378. they picked up 16 bags of trash. Job well done men. The next hwy pickup will be later in the year with cooler temperatures.



Litchfield 132's recruiting & sales tent at the Aynor Hoe Down on Sept. 18, 2010



Blake Anderson, Nick Carter, Dylan Fullwood (Cadet) & Keith Edwards being inducted into the SCV by Commander Terry Carter

The next will be Meeting OCTOBER 19 at Watson's Funeral home. Dinner will be at 6 pm, meeting will start at 7 pm. Plan to attend and bring a like minded friend, if you can. Compatriot JACK MARLAR will present a program on "Why the War Between the States was not fought over Slavery"

Please bring a covered dish for the dinner, Family night. We hope to have approx. 50-60 people. Ham, tea & bread will be furnished. Contact Betty Bowling, President of Ida Matthews Litchfield OCR at 457-7927 or bettybowling@sccoast.net



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